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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk/Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Its Rate
Schedules and Increase Rates – Request for release of bond.
Docket No. 2019-290-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On July 15, 2020, the Commission approved the request of Blue Granite Water Company (the “Company”) for approval of bond as security for rates the Company intended to implement beginning September 1, 2020, while appealing the Commission’s rate case decision in this docket. The Company secured a bond from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company which was approved by the Commission.

Since the bond was issued to secure the possibility of a refund of rates put into effect pending appeal, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240(D), and since no rates were put into effect under that provision, the bond is no longer necessary. The bond from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company requires Commission approval for its termination. See Attachment A. Accordingly, the Company requests permission from the Commission to release the bond.

We have shared this letter with the Office of Regulatory Staff and the Consumer Advocate. The Consumer Advocate does not object to the release of the bond. It is my understanding the Office of Regulatory Staff will write the Commission separately about this request.

Yours truly,

Frank R. Ellerbe, III

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cc: Parties of Record (via email)
Donald H. Denton, President (via email)
Dante Destefano, Directory Regulatory Affairs (via email)
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August 13, 2020

BY FEDEX

Mr. Shawn Elicequi
Corix Regulated Utilities (US) Inc.
440 Octate Circle
Reno, NV 89511

Re: Public Service Commission of South Carolina
\$3,874,516.00 - Bond No. 022054600

Dear Mr. Elicequi:

We are pleased to enclose the originals of the above referenced bond, along with the surety's power of attorney, which grants us the authority to sign as attorney-in-fact on their behalf. Please have signed authorized individual, as well as two witness signature and notarized before sending the originals, along with the surety's power of attorney, to the Public Service Commission of SC. At your convenience, please return an electronic copy of the fully executed bond.

Please note that this bond does not allow for cancellation. In order to close this bond, you must request release from the Public Service Commission of SC. Premium will continue to be earned until the surety has received the proper signed release.

Our invoice for the respective premium will follow under separate cover. Please note that the premium is subject to a minimum of \$100.00 and the surety may consider the first year premium to be fully earned. After receiving the bond, if you should determine that you do not need this to be issued, please return to our office at your earliest convenience so that we can have the surety cancel it as of the date of issuance.

We trust you will find the enclosed to be in complete order. However, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned directly or anyone else within the Alliant-Houston Surety group.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura Kneitz", written over a horizontal line.

Laura Kneitz
Account Manager- Surety

CC: Jennifer Toledo

Exhibit No. 2

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Docket No. 2019-290-WS

In Re:

Application of Blue Granite Water
Company for Approval to Adjust Rate
Schedules and Increase Rates

BOND NO. 022054600

KNOW ALL PEOPLE BY THESE PRESENTS, that Blue Granite Water Company, as Principal, and Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Surety Company, a corporation under the laws of the State of Massachusetts duly authorized to transact business in the State of South Carolina as surety, are held and firmly bound unto the customers of Blue Granite Water Company affected by Order No. 2020-306 of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"), dated April 9, 2020, and any Order denying reconsideration thereof (collectively, "Orders"), issued in the above-captioned proceeding, for the sum of three million, eight hundred seventy four thousand, five hundred sixteen dollars (\$3,874,516) in lawful money of the United States of America, for payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, that if the Commission Orders under appeal are ultimately determined to be valid and enforceable, then, Blue Granite Water Company hereby promises to refund amounts it has collected in excess of the amounts finally determined to be correct under the appropriate rate schedules. Any such refunds shall include interest as provided by law.

Exhibit No. 2

SIGNED, sealed and dated this 13th day of August, 2020.

As to Principal

Blue Granite Water Company

Jari Petersen
Witness

Shawn M. Eluegi

ATTEST:

Janet Harrell
Witness

As to Surety

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

Adam Kneitz
Witness Adam Kneitz

Laura L. Kneitz
Laura L. Kneitz, Attorney-in-Fact

Erica Kneitz
Witness Erica Kneitz

Exhibit No. 2

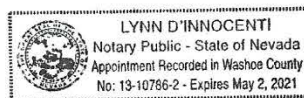
WITNESS AS TO PRINCIPAL

STATE OF Nevada, Washoe County

Before me, the subscribing Notary Public, personally appeared Shawn Elicegui
and made oath that he/she saw the within named Blue Granite Water Company represented by
sign, seal, and deliver the within Bond, and that he/she with Jane Harrell and
Lori Petersen subscribed their names as witnesses thereto.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17 day of August, 2020.

Lynn D'Innocenti
Notary Public

My commission expires: May 2, 2021

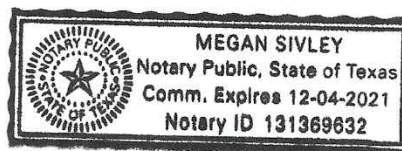
WITNESS AS TO SURETY

STATE OF Texas, Harris County

Before me, the subscribing Notary Public, personally appeared Laura L. Kneitz
and made oath that he/she saw the within named Liberty Mutual
Insurance Company Surety Company
represented by sign, seal, and deliver the within Bond, and that he/she with
Adam Kneitz and Erica Kneitz subscribed their names as witnesses
thereto.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of August, 2020.

Megan Sivley
Notary Public

My commission expires: December 4, 2021



This Power of Attorney limits the acts of those named herein, and they have no authority to bind the Company except in the manner and to the extent herein stated.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

Certificate No: **8200735**

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, that Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and West American Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana (herein collectively called the "Companies"), pursuant to and by authority herein set forth, does hereby name, constitute and appoint, Dan W. Burton, Melissa Haddick, Teresa D. Kelly, Laura L. Kneitz, Craig C. Payne, Megan Sivley

all of the city of Houston state of TX each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations, in pursuance of these presents and shall be as binding upon the Companies as if they have been duly signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the Companies in their own proper persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Companies and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed thereto this 18th day of March, 2019.



Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

By:

David M. Carey
David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary

State of PENNSYLVANIA ss
County of MONTGOMERY

On this 18th day of March, 2019 before me personally appeared David M. Carey, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Company, and West American Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Notarial Seal
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public
Upper Merion Twp., Montgomery County
My Commission Expires March 28, 2021
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

By:

Teresa Pastella
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-laws and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company which resolutions are now in full force and effect reading as follows:

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact, subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Corporation by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Corporation. When so executed, such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the President and attested to by the Secretary. Any power or authority granted to any representative or attorney-in-fact under the provisions of this article may be revoked at any time by the Board, the Chairman, the President or by the officer or officers granting such power or authority.

ARTICLE XIII – Section 5. Surety Bonds and Undertakings.

Any officer of the Company authorized for that purpose in writing by the chairman or the president, and subject to such limitations as the chairman or the president may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations. Such attorneys-in-fact subject to the limitations set forth in their respective powers of attorney, shall have full power to bind the Company by their signature and execution of any such instruments and to attach thereto the seal of the Company. When so executed such instruments shall be as binding as if signed by the president and attested by the secretary.

Certificate of Designation – The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes David M. Carey, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

Authorization – By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company do hereby certify that the original power of attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 13th day of August, 2020.



By:

Renee C. Llewellyn
Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary

Not valid for mortgage, note, loan, letter of credit, currency rate, interest rate or residual value guarantees.

To confirm the validity of this Power of Attorney call 1-610-832-8240 between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm EST on any business day.